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Professional Accomplishments

Senior Litigation Counsel, Arizona Attorney General, Starting February 2018

Pres. & Exec. Director, Compact for America Educ. Found., September 2014 to Jan. 2018

- October 2014 to Present: Fighting for a Federal Balanced Budget
  Raised approximately $1 million to support and lead efforts to organize the states into a formal "turn-key" agreement to advance and ratify a federal Balanced Budget Amendment by deploying the Article V amendment process. Gave expert testimony before U.S. House Judiciary Committee and at more than three dozen legislative hearings in two dozen state legislatures, which resulted in five states passing legislation to join the Compact for a Balanced Budget and eight chambers in eight more states passing the same legislation.

- July 2016 to Present: Offering Local Communities the Option of Freedom
  Raised approximately $200k to support and lead cutting-edge efforts to give any local community that wants it a reset button for big government, replacing the spaghetti code of crony regulations and handouts with a state-of-the-art free market and limited government policy environment. Gave expert testimony in three states, which resulted in the bill passing six legislative hearings and one chamber.

Constitutional Policy Director, Goldwater Institute, April 2008 to September 2014

- September 2013 to July 2014: Working to Free the Retail Electrical Market;
  Led policy advocacy and expert testimony to support deregulating the Arizona retail electricity market during administrative fact finding before the Arizona Corporation Commission.

- February 2012 to January 2015: Defending a City's Right to Exist (Tombstone v. U.S.F.S.);
  Spearheaded litigation effort to establish the 10th Amendment protects states and their subdivisions from federal regulations that prevent them from using and enjoying their property in order to fulfill the essential functions of protecting public health and safety.

- August 2008 to November 2011: Stopping Government from Penalizing Free Campaign Speech (McComish v. Bennett/Arizona Free Enterprise Club v. Bennett);
  Led challenge to Arizona's matching funds campaign speech regulation scheme to the U.S. Supreme Court and succeeded in freezing the unconstitutional system under the All

Writs Act even before the Court granted certiorari.

- May 2013: Defending the Tenth Amendment from Abuses of the Treaty Power (Amicus Brief in Bond v. United States);

- February 2012: Enforcing Health Care Freedom Laws Against Obamacare (Amicus Brief in Dept. of Health and Human Services v. Sebelius);

- September 2011: Linking State Sovereignty to the Protection of Constitutional Liberty (Amicus Brief in Montana Shooting Sports Assoc. v. Holder);

- Fall 2009: Creating a Beachhead for Liberty in Scottsdale (City of Scottsdale Local Liberty Charter Amendment Effort);

- November 2009: Supporting Incorporation of the Right to Bear Arms to the States (Amicus Brief in McDonald v. Chicago);

- February 2009: Joining the Fight against Preclearance (Amicus Brief in Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District v. Holder).

Staff Attorney, Institute for Justice, April 2005 to March 2008

- December 2007: Victory for Taxi Entrepreneurs (Minneapolis Taxi Reform);
  Successfully intervened on behalf of a taxi entrepreneur and developed legal theory that was relied-upon to dismiss a lawsuit brought by the existing taxi cartel to block new entrants from availing themselves of regulatory reforms that opened-up the Minneapolis taxi market. Previously succeeded in organizing diverse coalition of businesses, ethnic groups and academics to spearhead the passage of regulatory reforms that opened-up the Minneapolis taxi market.

- August 2007: Administrative Search Regime Quashed (*McCaughtry v. Red Wing*);
  Succeeded in quashing illegal administrative search warrants for rental properties.

- December 2006: Trash Monopoly Scheme Stopped (*Paul's Indus. Garage v. Red Wing*);
  Succeeded in stopping the implementation of an ordinance that would have required all commercial and industrial waste to be processed only by the municipal incinerator.

- October 2006: Municipal Regulatory Red Tape Cut (*Dahlen v. City of Minneapolis*);
  Succeeded in securing consent judgment requiring Minneapolis to timely process occupational license applications for people who hang signs and billboards for a living.

- May 2006: Meaningful Eminent Domain Reform Enacted;
  Member of lobbying team that spearheaded the passage of legislative reforms to protect homes, farms and small businesses from eminent domain abuse.

- April 2006: Victory for Vintners & Consumers (*Crockett v. MN Dept. of Public Safety*);
  Succeeded in securing consent judgment barring the State of Minnesota from enforcing a law that forbade wineries across the country from accepting online orders from Minnesotans.

- June 2005: Cosmetology Regulations Untangled (Anderson v. Minnesota Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners);
  Succeeded in securing consent judgment requiring the Minnesota Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners to cease regulating hairbraiders as cosmetologists.

Associate, Dranias, Harrington & Wilson (Chicago), 1996 to March 2005:

- Civil Litigation Practice;
  Developed extensive litigation experience focused in commercial, business, real estate and personal injury law, including substantial jury and bench trial, ADR and appellate experience.

- Transactional Practice;
  Concentrated in negotiating, drafting and modifying contractual, corporate and business formation documents of all types; including software licensing agreements, financing instruments and agreements, leasing agreements, and real estate development instruments and agreements.

Professional Affiliations, Certifications and Awards

- Licensed to practice law in Arizona, Illinois, District of Columbia, Minnesota and Texas; Member of the federal bars of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Circuits, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the District of Arizona, Northern District of Illinois, District of Minnesota, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin;
- Member, Council of Scholars, Compact for America Educational Foundation
- Member, Advisory Council, Compact for America Action
- Law & Civil Liberties Speaker, Students for Liberty, February 2017 to Present;
- Of Counsel, Goldwater Institute, October 2014 to January 2015;
- Advisory Council Member-Civil Liberties, Our America Initiative, August 2014 to Present;
- Research Fellow & Policy Advisor, The Heartland Institute, January 2014 to Present;
- Expert/Speakers Bureau, Federalist Society, January 2012 to Present;
- Managing Member, Nick Dranias Law & Policy Analysis LLC, April 2012 to Present;
- Awarded the 2005 Oliver Wendell Holmes Award for Outstanding Service to the Chicago Bar Association;
- Served as Co-Editor of the YLS Journal of the Chicago Bar Association Record from 2003 to 2005;
- Approved by Minnesota Supreme Court as a "qualified" neutral mediator;
- Eligible for admission upon motion to most jurisdictions.

Sample Cases

- McComish v. Bennett, 130 S. Ct. 3408 (2010);
- Paul's Indus. Garage, LLC v. Red Wing, 2006 WL 3804243 (D. Minn. 2006);
- Concrete Products, Inc. v. Centex Homes, 721 N.E.2d 802 (Ill. Ct. App. 1999).

Academic Accomplishments

J.D., Loyola University of Chicago, School of Law, May 1996:

- Senior Member of the Loyola University Law Review;
- Received highest grade awards in Legal Writing, Land Use Law, and Remedies classes;
- Member of labor law moot court team.

B.A., Boston University, May 1993:

- Double Major in Philosophy and Economics;
- Graduated *cum laude*;
- Received award for best writing in German language course;
- President of B.U. Objectivist Club.

Significant Published Works

Law Review and Journal Articles

- The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, Water Access Rights: City of Tombstone v. U.S.A., 3 Arizona Summit L. Rev. 1, 219 (2014);
- Introducing "Article V 2.0": The Compact for a Balanced Budget, 15 Engage J. Federalist Soc'y Prac. Groups 2 (2014);
- The Local Liberty Charter: Restoring Grassroots Liberty to Restrain Cities Gone Wild, 3 Phoenix L. Rev. 113 (2010);
- Consideration as Contract: A Secular Natural Law of Contracts, 12 Tex. Rev. L. & Pol. 267 (2008);
- Past the Pall of Orthodoxy, 111 Penn. St. L. Rev. 863 (2007);
- Eminent Domain Abuse in Minnesota, 62 Bench & B. Minn. 19 (2005);
- Reconsidering F.H. Prince & Co., 19 C.B.A. Rec. 38 (2005);
- Jurisdiction Lost? 18 C.B.A. Rec. 53 (2004);
- The Patriot Act of 2001, 17 C.B.A. Rec. 28 (2003);
- The Illinois Misnomer Statute, 16 C.B.A. Rec. 39 (2002).

Public Policy Research – First Amendment

- In Defense of Private Civic Engagement: Why the Assault on "Dark Money" Threatens Free Speech and How to Stop the Assault (Heartland Institute 2015);
- Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission: A Case for Limiting Campaign Finance Regulations (Goldwater Institute 2010).

Public Policy Research – Regulatory/Eminent Domain Reform

- Walt Disney's Vision Inspires the Prosperity States Initiative: How Prosperity Districts Adopt and Improve on the Disney World Model (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2016)—with Baker Spring and Sam Batkins;
- The Prosperity Zone Compact: Leveraging the Power and Promise of Interstate Compacts to Bring Back the American Dream (Compact for America Educ. Found.

2016);
- Moving Forward: A Road Map for Choice and Competition (Goldwater Institute 2013)—with Drs. Andrew Kleit and Byron Schlomach;
- The Missing Reform: Regulatory Tax Credits (Goldwater Institute 2011)—with Dr. Byron Schlomach;
- A Charter for a 'New Indiana City:' Eight Principles and 27 Recommendations to Restore Liberty in Your City, County and State (Indiana Policy Review 2010);
- A New Charter for American Cities: 10 Rights to Restrain Government and Protect Freedom (Goldwater Institute 2009);
- The Land of 10,000 Lakes Drowns Entrepreneurs in Regulations (IJ 2006).

Public Policy Research – Labor Relations

- Airing Out the Smoke-Filled Rooms: Bringing Transparency to Public Union Collective Bargaining (Goldwater Institute 2013);
- Save Taxpayers Tens of Billions of Dollars: End Government Sector Collective Bargaining (Goldwater Institute 2012)—with Steve Slivinski;
- No Taxpayer Subsidies for Employee Unions (Goldwater Institute 2011).

Public Policy Research – Fiscal Reform

- The Non-Partisan Solution to the Civil Rights Issue of the Age: the Compact for America Balanced Budget Amendment (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2017)—with Harold R. DeMoss III;
- Recognizing Pension Fund Insolvency: A Catalyst for Reform (Goldwater Institute 2013)—with Dr. Byron Schlomach.

Public Policy Research – Federalism

- Viva National League of Cities! (Library of Law & Liberty 2017);
- We Should Accept the Supreme Court's Invitation to Check and Balance Washington, D.C. (Library of Law and Liberty 2012);
- Federalism DIY: 10 Ways for States to Check and Balance Washington (Goldwater Institute 2011);
- Breaking the Grip of Funded Federal Mandates (Wyoming Liberty Group 2009)

Public Policy Research – Constitutional Reform

- A Logical Extension of Congressional Tradition: Using a Concurrent Resolution to Partner with the States on an Article V Compact (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2017)—with Rick Masters, JD, Dr. Kevin Gutzman, Dr. John Eastman, Ilya Shapiro, JD, Gregory Snowden, JD and Judge Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.;
- Clearly Constitutional: The Article V Compact (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2016)—with Dr. Kevin Gutzman, Dr. John Eastman, Ilya Shapiro, Gregory Snowden, and Judge Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.;
- FAQ Series: Doesn't the Article V Convention Draft the Amendment? (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2016);
- "Article V 2.0" in a Nutshell: The Balanced Budget Compact (Compact for America

Educ. Found. 2016);
- A Guidebook for Deploying Article V as the Founders Actually Intended: The Application & Convention Mode of Proposing Amendments (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2016)—with Dr. Kevin Gutzman;
- Rooted in the Tenth Amendment: The Article V Convention (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2016);
- How Congress Can Partner with the States on a Federal Balanced Budget Amendment (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2015);
- Why Your State Should Compact for a Federal Balanced Budget Amendment (Compact for America Educ. Found. 2015);
- Why Michigan Should Compact for a Federal Balanced Budget Amendment (Mackinac Center for Public Policy 2015);
- Introducing "Article V 2.0:" The Compact for a Balanced Budget (Heartland Institute 2014);
- Using a Compact for Article V Amendments: Experts Answer FAQs (Goldwater Institute 2014)—with Ilya Shapiro, Dr. Kevin Gutzman and Judge Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.;
- States Can Fix the National Debt: Reforming Washington with the Compact for America Balanced Budget Amendment (Goldwater Institute 2013);
- Use It or Lose It: Why States Should Not Hesitate to Wield their Article V Powers (Library of Law and Liberty 2012).

Public Policy Research – General

- 2013 Legislative Report Card for Arizona (Goldwater Institute 2013);
- 2012 Legislative Report Card for Arizona (Goldwater Institute 2012);
- 2011 Legislative Report Card for Arizona (Goldwater Institute 2011);
- Education Savings Accounts: Giving Parents Control of Their Children's Education (Goldwater Institute 2011)—with Dr. Matthew Ladner;
- 2010 Legislative Report Card for Arizona (Goldwater Institute 2010);
- Reconsidering McDonald v. Chicago: How the 14th Amendment Obliges States to Protect the Fundamental Right to Bear Arms (Goldwater Institute 2010);
- 50 Bright Stars: An Assessment of Each State's Constitutional Commitment to Limited Government (Goldwater Institute 2009).

Print/Online Media – Professional

- Fighting Half the Battle, 20 C.B.A. Rec. 55 (2006) (book review);
- America's Early Archivist, 18 C.B.A. Rec. 65 (2004) (book review);
- Judge R. Eugene Pincham, 19 C.B.A. Rec. 54 (2005) (interview);
- U.S. District Court Judge Brian Barnett Duff, 18 C.B.A. Rec. 43 (2004) (interview);
- U.S. District Court Judge Mark Filip, 18 C.B.A. Rec. 52 (2004) (interview);
- Judge Arnette R. Hubbard, 18 C.B.A. Rec. 48 (2004) (interview);
- Judge Sheldon C. Garber, 17 C.B.A. Rec. 42 (2003) (interview).

Print/Online Media – First Amendment

- Debate on the Merits Anyone? How to Protect Freedom of Speech in a World that

Increasingly Despises Honest Debate, American Spectator, April 2015;
- The New Left's War on Private Civic Engagement, Daily Caller, Nov. 2013;
- First Amendment deserves equal respect as Second, North Scottsdale Independent, June 6, 2012;
- It's Time to Reform AZ's Lobbying Laws, Nogales International, June 1, 2012;
- Letter to the Editor: Election Financing, The New York Times, April 21, 2011—with Bill Maurer;
- State Stifles Free Speech in Advertising, Duluth News-Trib., Oct. 26, 2005.

Print/Online Media – Regulatory/Eminent Domain Reform

- "Prosperity States" Give Freedom a Chance, Ricochet.com, Feb. 9, 2017—with Sen. Steve Montenegro (AZ);
- The Prosperity States Initiative: A Policy Lesson from "When Harry Met Sally," Atlas Network, Oct. 2016;
- Utilities Don't Want Consumer Choice, The Arizona Republic, Aug. 26, 2013;
- Tax Credit Could Guard Against Regulatory Abuse, The Arizona Republic, February 25, 2012;
- Consumers Win with Competition in Electricity, The Arizona Republic, January 9, 2010;
- Deregulation Can Help Fix Education Crisis, The Arizona Republic, Feb. 21, 2009;
- No: Trust Duluth's Consumers and Taxi Drivers to Get the Price Right, Duluth News-Trib., Sept. 25, 2006;
- A Big 10 Cheer for Courts Ending Eminent Domain Abuse, Minn. Law., Aug. 7, 2006;
- Capricious Use of Eminent Domain Hampers Businesses, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Jan. 5, 2006.

Print/Online Media – Labor Relations

- Time to End the "Meet And Confer" Shakedown, Peoria Times, March 9, 2012;
- It's Time to Burst the Special-Interest Election Bubble, North Scottsdale Independent, March 7, 2012.

Print/Online Media – Fiscal Reform

- In Detroit, Bankruptcy May Be the Hidden Elixir of Pension Reform, Daily Caller, Dec. 2013;
- Paying Down State Debt a Good Move, Green Valley News & Sun, Jan. 14, 2012;
- It's Time to Square Up the State's Debt, Nogales International, Jan. 13, 2012.

Print/Online Media – Federalism

- While the Feds Dither, States Quarantine Ebola Health Care Workers at the Border, Daily Caller, October 2014;
- What Do Cheater's Revenge and Plastic Guns Have in Common? National Constitution Center, Nov. 2013;
- There's Nothing But the Long Game and the States Now, Politichicks.com, Oct.

2013;
- Showdown at the Red Tape Corral. The Washington Examiner, Aug. 1, 2012.

Print/Online Media – Constitutional Reform

- Balanced Budget Amendment or Bust, Ricochet.com, Sept. 2017;
- Article V Conventions and the Tenth Amendment Go Hand in Hand, Federalist Society, Feb. 2016;
- It is Time to Make the Debt Ceiling Debate, Real Western Free Press, Feb. 2015;
- Don't Embrace Big Federal Government, Support the Compact for a Balanced Budget, Ricochet.com, Jan. 2015;
- Fed Up with the Political Class' Cash Machine? Balance the Budget, The Times Herald, Nov. 2014;
- So What Are the D.C. Insiders Really Afraid of? National Constitution Center, Nov. 2014—with Professor Lawrence Lessig;
- No Reason to Be Wary of a Constitutional Convention [sic], Washington Post, Oct. 2014—with Professor Lawrence Lessig;
- Why Constitutionalists Should No Longer Fear an Article V Convention, Wisconsin Daily Independent, Sept. 2014;
- Introducing "Article V 2.0:" The Compact for a Balanced Budget, Pelican Post (Pelican Institute), Aug. 2014;
- Alaska is Poised to Link Arms with Georgia to Fix the National Debt, Alaska Policy Forum, April 2014;
- Did George Washington Tell a Lie About State Control Over Article V Amendments? National Constitution Center, Jan. 2014;
- States Can Unite to Rein in Feds on Spending, Georgia Public Policy Foundation, January 2014;
- Fulfilling the Promise of Article V with an Interstate Compact, National Constitution Center, Dec. 2013;
- Using the States to Fix Washington, Ricochet.com, Oct. 2013;
- State legislatures Need to Invoke Article V, The Bismarck Tribune, Nov. 22, 2010.

Print/Online Media – General

- The Great Exacerbation: Trump's Pipeline Politics Will Cripple the Democratic Party, Daily Caller, Feb. 2017;
- What NLRB v. Canning Really Means: Sue, Sue Again, and Keep Suing, Daily Caller, June 2014;
- 411 and 412 protect citizens from government grabs, The Arizona Republic, Oct. 8, 2010;
- State Constitutions Defend Against Federal Intrusion, Birmingham News, Sept. 17, 2009;
- Letter to the Editor: Group Generates Ideas to Put AZ Back in Black, Tucson Citizen, Nov. 28, 2008;
- Stop City's Creeping Tyranny, Red Wing Repub. Eagle, Nov. 16, 2006.

Significant Work(s) in Progress/Unpublished Work(s)

- Federalism Curriculum;
- Foundations of Liberty Curriculum;
- Guardian of the Public Trust: The Arizona Constitution;
- Reclaiming Minnesota's Territorial Birthright: Why the Northwest Ordinance Restricts the State's Power of Eminent Domain to Public Exigencies, Social Science Research Network, July 1, 2009.

Significant ALEC-Approved Model Policies

- Interstate Health Care Freedom Compact;
- Sovereign State Compact;
- Taxpayer Court Act;
- Constitutional Defense Council Act;
- Local Government Coordination Act;
- Rural Decentralized Land Use Regulation Act;
- State Legislatures United Compact;
- Compact for America;
- Compact for America Omnibus Concurrent Resolution;
- Compact for America Balanced Budget Amendment.

Significant Legislative Testimony

- U.S. House Judiciary Committee Hearing, The Need for the Balanced Budget Amendment, July 27, 2017;
- Arizona State Legislature, Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Prosperity Districts, December 14, 2016;
- Pennsylvania State Legislature, Senate and House State Government Committees, Amendments to the US Constitution through a Convention of States as Provided by Article V, April 13, 2015;
- Congressional Field Hearing on IRS and EPA Abuse, August 22, 2013.

Significant Media Appearances

- Balanced Budget Amendment Debate with Prof. David Super, PBS Arizona Horizon, February 27, 2017;
- Would a Balanced Budget Amendment Solve Federal Financial Issues? KJZZ Here and Now (NPR) (with Steve Goldstein), July 8, 2015;
- Fox News – Fox & Friends – Government Union Release Time, November 26, 2013;
- MSNBC - Melissa Harris-Perry Show - Panel discussion on Affirmative Action/State Sovereignty/VRA, June 16, 2013, http://www.nbcnews.com/id/52231520/ns/msnbc/;
- MSNBC - Melissa Harris-Perry Show - Panel discussion on Second Amendment, February 24, 2013, http://www.nbcnews.com/id/50944567/ns/msnbc/;
- Fox News – Fox & Friends – Tombstone Case, June 12, 2012;
- Arizona Lawmakers Target Public Workers' Unions, NPR Morning Edition Morning Edition (with Ted Robbins), February 9, 2012;
- Fox News – Freedom Watch – Arizona Clean Elections, June 29, 2011;

- Supreme Court Rules on Ariz. Campaign Finance Law, NPR Morning Edition Morning Edition (with Peter Overby), June 28, 2011;
- Fox News – Freedom Watch – Arizona Clean Elections, March 31, 2011;
- High Court Takes Another Stab At Campaign Finance, NPR Morning Edition (NPR) Morning Edition (with Renee Montagne), March 28, 2011.

Significant Lectures and Presentations

First Amendment

- Federalist Society at University of Oklahoma College of Law: The Dark Money Witch Hunt vs. Free Speech, November 14, 2017;
- Federalist Society at Indiana University Law School: In Defense of Private Civic Engagement, February 2015;
- Phoenix Law School: First Amendment Law and McComish v. Bennett, April 2013;
- Cato Institute: A Government Thumb on the Election Scale? April 2011;
- Whether a Free Republic is Well-Served by Recent Campaign Finance Decisions, VoteSmart.org, 2010.

Regulatory/Eminent Domain Reform

- Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise, Oklahoma State University: What Economic Liberty is and How to Restore It, October 2017;
- ALEC Annual Convention: Restore Prosperity Now! June 28, 2016;
- Eminent Domain Law 2006, Hennepin County Bar Association, 2006;
- Kelo v. City of New London, League of Minnesota Cities, 2005;
- The Law of Eminent Domain, University of Chicago, Clinic on Entrepreneurship, 1999.

Labor Relations

- Federalist Society at Marquette Univ. Law School: Reforming Government Unions: Ensuring Public Servants Serve the Public, September 2014;
- ALERA Government Union Reform Panel, April 2013.

Federalism

- Federalist Society at Mitchell-Hamline School of Law: States Take Charge, October 9, 2017;
- Freedom Expo 2017: AZ at the Cutting Edge – Using Interstate Compacts for Free Market Reform and a Balanced Budget Amendment, March 2017;
- East Valley Bar Association: Power and Promise of Interstate Compacts, October 2016;
- Federalist Society at University of Wyoming College of Law: The Town Too Tough to Die: How City of Tombstone v. U.S. Forest Service Illustrates that Federal Power Over Western Lands Threatens State Sovereignty, September 2014;
- Federalist Society Podcast Debate: Water Access Rights: City of Tombstone v. USA, April 2013;

- Federalism in Action Panel Discussion, 2013;
- Philadelphia Society Regional Conference: How to Make Federalism Relevant to the Younger Generation, October 2012;
- Federalist Society Podcast Debate: The Compact Clause and Interstate Compacts, February 2012;
- State/Local-Federal Agency Coordination and Decentralized Land Use Regulation, ALEC Annual Convention, 2009.

Constitutional Reform

- Michigan Taxpayers Alliance: Dealing with the Debt, April 18, 2016;
- FreedomFest 2015: Compact for America: How to Deploy the States' Ultimate Power to Check and Balance Washington, July 11, 2015;
- FreedomFest 2015: States Take Charge? Washington is Broken, Can the States Fix It? July 10, 2015;
- Civitas: Conservative Leadership Conference-Compact for America & Convention of States: Why Article V, March 2015;
- Cato Institute-Harnessing the Debt Debate to Limit Government: What Can Be Done to Check and Balance Washington? March 2015;
- Heartland Institute Presents: Nick Dranias & Peter Ferrara: the Compact for a Balanced Budget, March 2015;
- John Locke Foundation: States Take Charge-Why We Must Compact for a Balanced Budget Now! December 2014;
- Federalist Society at Case Western Law School: States Take Charge! November 2014;
- Federalist Society at University of Alabama School of Law: States Take Charge! October 2014;
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting - Is it Time for an Article V Constitutional Convention? August 2014;
- Federalist Society at University of Idaho College of Law: States Take Charge? May 2014;
- Federalist Society at Emory University School of Law: States Take Charge! February 2014;
- Federalist Society at University of Arkansas William H. Bowen School of Law: States Take Charge! February 2014;
- Federalist Society at Temple University Beasley School of Law: States Take Charge! November 2013;
- Federalist Society at University of South Carolina School of Law: States Take Charge! October 2013;
- Federalist Society at Columbia Law School: States Take Charge? September 2013;
- Federalist Society at the Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law: States Take Charge! September 2013;
- University of Central Florida Conference on the Article V Convention, April 2013;
- CPAC-Main Stage, Balanced Budget Amendment Panel, March 2013;
- Federalist Society at Texas Wesleyan School of Law: Debate: Whether the States Should Invoke Article V, Starting March 2013;
- TX Conservative Coalition Research Institute: Fixing the Federal Debt, March 2013;
- Harvard Law School: Conference on the Constitutional Convention, September 2011.

General

- Federalist Society at Oklahoma City University Law School, Trump the Court: What a 6-3 Originalist Court Could Mean for the Second Amendment, Free Speech, the Administrative State and Civil Rights, October 12, 2017;
- U.S. Supreme Court Decision Texas v. Inclusive Communities, Disparate Impact and the Fair Housing Act, Arizona State Bar, October 25, 2015;
- Constitutional Judging with Justices Don Willett (TX), Barry Anderson (MN), Goodwin Liu (CA) and Judge Harold DeMoss II (U.S. Ct. App. 5th Circuit), Goldwater Institute, October 25, 2013;
- How the Constitution Protects our Freedom and Why There is Hope, Language of Liberty Seminar Speech, May 2013;
- Constitution Day, League of Women Voters, September 2010;
- Dialogue with Goldwater Institute: What is the Proper Role of Cities & Towns in Arizona? Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference, 2010;
- Hanging Out Your Shingle: What You Should Know Before You Go Into Solo or a Small Practice, Chicago Bar Association, 2005;
- The Death Penalty: To Resume or Not to Resume, Chicago Bar Association, 2004.

Academic Citations

- Eric Alden, Rethinking Promissory Estoppel, 16 Nev. L.J. 659, 663 n.19 (2016) (citing Nicholas C. Dranias, Consideration As Contract: A Secular Natural Law of Contracts, 12 Tex. Rev. L. & Pol'y. 267, 322, 326 (2008));

- Vanessa Zboreak, "Yes, In Your Backyard!" Model Legislative Efforts to Prevent Communities from Excluding CAFOS, 5 Wake Forest J. L. & Pol'y 147, 180 n.149 (2015) (citing Nick Dranias, A New Charter For American Cities: Ten Rights To Restrain Government And Protect Freedom (Goldwater Institute 2009));

- Jeffrey A. Van Detta, The Law School of the Future: How the Synergies of Convergence Will Transform the Very Notion of "Law Schools" During the 21st Century from "Places" to "Platforms," 37 U. La Verne L. Rev. 103, 110 n.23 (2015) (citing Nick Dranias, Past the Pall of Orthodoxy: Why the First Amendment Virtually Guarantees Online Law School Graduates Will Breach the ABA Accreditation Barrier, 111 Penn St. L. Rev. 863, 866-68 (2007));

- Audrey Lorene Leeder, Short-Circuiting Legal Guidance in the Digital Age: An Evaluation of Inadequate Protections for the First and Fourth Amendments, and the Electronic Communication Privacy Act, 18 SMU Sci. & Tech. L. Rev. 343, 349 n.37 (2015) (citing Nicholas C. Dranias, The Patriot Act of 2001 Versus the 1976 Church Committee Report: An Unavoidable Clash of Fundamental Policy Judgments, 17 Chi. B. Ass'n Rec. 28, 28-30 (2003));

- Jennifer Jackson, California Egg Toss: The High Costs of Avoiding Unenforceable Surrogacy Contracts, 15 J. High Tech. L. 230, 240 n.90 (2015) (citing Nicholas C. Dranias, Consideration as Contract: A Secular Natural Law of Contracts, 12 Tex. Rev. L. & Pol. 267, 281 (2008));

- Elizabeth Atkins, Spying on Americans: At What Point Does the NSA's Collection and Searching of Metadata Violate the Fourth Amendment? 10 Wash. J.L. Tech. & Arts 51, 57 n.22 (2014) (citing Nicholas C. Dranias, The Patriot Act of 2001 Versus the 1976 Church Committee Report: An Unavoidable Clash of Fundamental Policy Judgments, 17 Chi. B. Ass'n Rec. 28, 28-29 (2003));

- Amy Meek, Street Vendors, Taxicabs, and Exclusion Zones: The Impact of Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions at the Local Level, 75 Ohio St. L.J. 1, 16 n.109 (2014) (citing Nick Dranias, The Local Liberty Charter: Restoring Grassroots Liberty to Restrain Cities Gone Wild, 3 Phoenix L. Rev. 113, 136 (2010));

- Joseph W. Dellapenna, The Rise And the Demise of the Absolute Dominion Doctrine for Groundwater, 35 U. Ark. Little Rock L. Rev. 291, 316 n.142 (2013) (citing Nick Dranias, The Local Liberty Charter: Restoring Grassroots Liberty to Restrain Cities Gone Wild, 3 Phoenix L. Rev. 113, 158-62 (2010));

- John M. Kraft and Robert Hovden, Natural Rights, Scarcity & Intellectual Property, 7 NYU J.L. & Liberty 467, 490 n.87 (2013) (citing Nicholas C. Dranias, Consideration as Contract: A Secular Natural Law of Contracts, 12 Tex. Rev. L. & Pol. 267 (2008));

- Daniel P. O'Gorman, Promises, Policies, and Principles: The Supreme Court and Contractual Obligation in Labor Relations, 22 Cornell J. L. & Pub. Pol'y 93, 106 n.101 (2012) (citing Nicholas C. Dranias, Consideration as Contract: A Secular Natural Law of Contracts, 12 Tex. Rev. L. & Pol. 267, 296-97 (2008));

- Tim Keller, Another Big Year for the First Amendment: Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization v. Winn: Does the Government Own the Money in Your Pocket? Cato Sup. Ct. Rev. 149, 151 n.14 (2010-11) (citing Matthew Ladner & Nick Dranias, Education Savings Accounts: Giving Parents Control of Their Children's Education, Goldwater Inst., No. 11-01 (Jan. 28, 2011));

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